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In re Patent Application of:

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

RECRUITMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR CLINICAL TRIALS WHILE MAINTAINING

SECURITY

Examiner: R. W. Morgan

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.